

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An apparatus for facilitating an anonymous shipment, comprising:

a memory device for storing information regarding the identity and shipping address for at least one individual;

a receiver for receiving an order for at least one of a good and a service;

a processor for processing the order for said at least one of a good and a service, wherein said processor generates an order message, wherein said order message contains a shipping message containing at least one of an anonymous shipping address information, an encoded shipping address information, an encrypted shipping address information, and a disguised shipping address information, wherein said shipping message conceals the address of an individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment; and

a transmitter for transmitting said order message to a provider of at least one of goods and services for order fulfillment.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processor determines whether sufficient information has been received to place the order.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processor determines whether sufficient funds are available to place the order.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processor processes an order confirmation message, and further wherein said transmitter transmits said order confirmation message to the individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment.

5. A method for facilitating an anonymous shipment, comprising:

storing information regarding the identity and shipping address for at least one individual;

receiving an order for at least one of a good and a service;

processing the order for said at least one of a good and a service;

generating an order message, wherein said order message contains a shipping message containing at least one of an anonymous shipping address information, an encoded shipping address information, an encrypted shipping address information, and a disguised shipping address information, wherein said shipping message conceals the address of an individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment; and

transmitting said order message to a provider of at least one of goods and services for order fulfillment.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

determining whether sufficient information has been received to place the order.

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

determining whether sufficient funds are available to place the order.

8. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

processing an order confirmation message; and

transmitting said order confirmation message to the individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment.

9. An apparatus for facilitating an anonymous shipment, comprising:

a memory device for storing information for processing a transaction;

a receiver for receiving an order for at least one of a good and a service; and

a processor for processing the order for said at least one of a good and a service, wherein said processor generates a shipping label, wherein said shipping label contains at least one of an anonymous shipping address

information, an encoded shipping address information, an encrypted shipping address information, and a disguised shipping address information, wherein said shipping label conceals the address of an individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

a transmitter, wherein said processor generates an order confirmation message, and further wherein said transmitter transmits said order confirmation message to a communication device associated with at least one of a central processing center and a an individual who at least one of placed the order and is to receive the shipment.

11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor processes information regarding at least one of a return shipment, a return of at least one of goods and services, an exchange of at least one of goods and services, and a refund for an order.